

Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Miller, Morgan, Parker, Parran, Peter, Smith of Dorchester, Wilmer—30.

So the appeal was laid upon the table.

When their names were called,

Mr. SCOTT said: Having voted throughout against changing the Rules, I deem it proper to say that when the question was settled by vote of the Convention I supposed it was finally settled. I therefore voted to lay the appeal on the table.

Mr. THOMAS said: For the reason assigned by the gentleman from Cecil (Mr. Scott) having voted all along with the minority to suspend the 49th rule, since the question has been decided by the Convention, I vote—aye.

The result having been announced,

Mr. CUSHING moved to amend Rule 43, by striking out all after “nays,” so that it should read:

“Rule 43. The question on the final adoption of any article shall always be determined by yeas and nays.”

Mr. CUSHING. I suppose that will be adopted by unanimous consent, being involved in the former amendment which has been adopted.

Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's, demanded the yeas and nays, and they were ordered.

Mr. CLARKE. Does the gentleman mean by omitting the words “which shall be recorded on the Journal,” to leave it in the power of the House to decide whether the yeas and nays shall be recorded on the Journal or not?

Mr. CUSHING. I believe it ought to be in the power of the House; but the reason for my motion was that the motion to amend leaving those words in the rule had been voted down, and I was obliged to change my motion to make it in order.

The question being taken, the result was—yeas 47; nays 33—as follows:

Yeas—Messrs. Abbott, Annan, Baker, Barron, Berry of Prince George's; Carter, Clarke, Cunningham, Cushing, Daniel, Davis of Washington, Dellinger, Ecker, Farrow, Galloway, Greene, Hebb, Hopkins, Hopper, Jones of Cecil, Keefer, Kennard, King, Larsh, Markey, McComas, Miller, Mullikin, Murray, Negley, Noble, Nyman, Pugh, Purnell, Robinette, Russell, Sands, Scott, Smith of Carroll, Sneary, Stirling, Sykes, Thruston, Todd, Valliant, Wickard, Wooden—47.

Nays—Messrs. Goldsborough, President; Audoun, Belt Berry, of Baltimore county, Billingsley, Blackiston, Bond, Briscoe, Brooks, Brown, Chambers, Crawford, Davis of Charles, Duvall, Earle, Edelen, Harwood, Henkle, Hodson, Horsey, Johnson, Jones of Somerset, Lansdale, Lee, Marbury, Mitchell, Morgan, Parker, Parran, Peter, Smith of Dorchester, Thomas, Wilmer—33.

So the amendment was adopted.

Mr. SANDS moved to reconsider the vote last taken.

Mr. HEBB moved to lay the motion to reconsider on the table.

Mr. BERRY, of Baltimore county, called

attention to Rule 44 that “no motion for reconsideration shall be postponed or laid on the table.”

The CHAIRMAN (Mr. Purnell) ruled the motion to lay on the table out of order; and announced that the hour had arrived for the consideration of the order of the day.

Mr. ABBOTT. I have a report to offer for the Committee on the Basis of Representation which I should like to have read and printed.

On motion of Mr. BERRY, of Prince George's,

The order of the day was postponed for ten minutes.

Mr. STIRLING. The motion to reconsider is now in order. The motion to lay the motion to reconsider on the table was ruled out of order, but the motion to reconsider is still undisposed of. Upon that motion I call the previous question.

The call for the previous question was sustained.

The main question, that upon reconsideration, was taken, and the motion to reconsider was rejected—aye 22; noes 52.

AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION.

Mr. TODD, from the Committee on Future Amendments to the Constitution, submitted the following report, which was read the first time, and ordered to be printed:

REPORT.

Section 1. Either branch of the General Assembly may propose amendments to this Constitution; and if the same shall be agreed to by three-fifths of the members elected to each house, such proposed amendments shall be entered on the Journals, with the yeas and nays taken thereon, and shall be published in two newspapers in each county in the State where two are published, and in three newspapers in the city of Baltimore, one of which shall be German, for three months preceding the next election for Senators and Representatives, at which time the same shall be submitted to the electors for their approval or rejection; and if a majority of the electors voting at such election, shall adopt such amendments, the same shall become a part of the Constitution.

When more than one amendment shall be submitted at the same time, they shall be so submitted as to enable the electors to vote on each amendment separately.

Sec. 2. Whenever two-thirds of the members elected to each branch of the General Assembly shall think it necessary to call a Convention to revise, amend or change this Constitution, they shall recommend to the electors to vote, at the next election for members of the General Assembly, for or against a Convention; and if a majority of all the electors voting at said election, shall have voted for a Convention, the General Assembly shall, at their next session, provide by law for calling the same.

The Convention shall consist of as many members as both houses of the General Assembly, who shall be chosen in the same man-